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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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March 31, 2015

The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Community Development Commission
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

**APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR SERVICES AND OPERATIONS COSTS FOR UPWARD BOUND
HOUSE AND OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AND
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN HOLLYWOOD
(DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This letter recommends the transfer of up to \$165,800 in County General Funds (CGF), known as Emergency Shelter Funds (ESF), allocated to the Third Supervisorial District, to Upward Bound House for services and operations costs associated with their Family Place Rapid Rehousing Program in the City of Santa Monica; to Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) for services and operations costs associated with Santa Monica Shelter (SAMOSHEL) in the City of Santa Monica; and to First Presbyterian Church for services and operations costs associated with their Winter Refuge Shelter in the Hollywood area of the City of Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to incorporate up to \$165,800 in CGF from the Third Supervisorial District into the Commission's approved Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget.
2. Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to transfer to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) a total of up to \$165,800 in CGF from the Third Supervisorial District, which will then be granted to Upward Bound House Family Place, OPCC SAMOSHEL, and First Presbyterian Church Hollywood Winter Refuge Shelter for services and operations costs related to these projects.
3. Find that the transfer of funds is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental

Quality Act (CEQA), as described herein, because the work includes activities that will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Commission to transfer to LAHSA up to \$165,800 in ESF which will then be granted to: 1) Upward Bound House, in the amount of \$65,000, for services and operations costs associated with their Family Place Rapid Rehousing Program, a short-medium term rental assistance program to stabilize homeless families in permanent housing in the City of Santa Monica; 2) OPCC, in the amount of \$65,000, for services and operations costs associated with SAMOSHEL, part of OPCC's Interim Housing and Wellness Program, serving the complex needs of an increasingly disabled homeless population in the City of Santa Monica; and 3) First Presbyterian Church, in the amount of \$35,800, for services and operations costs associated with their Winter Refuge Shelter to continue providing a winter shelter to the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness in the Hollywood area of the City of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The actions described herein will be funded with a portion of the \$20,000,000 in CGF approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 20, 2005, to fund the construction and/or renovation of year-round emergency shelters and enhancements to the homeless support system.

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved allocating \$3,600,000 in CGF to each Supervisorial District with a ten percent administrative fee, in the total amount of \$2,000,000, reserved for the Commission.

The proposed transfer of funds from the Commission to LAHSA will allocate up to \$165,800 in ESF from the Third Supervisorial District to provide funding for services and operations costs incurred in connection with the Upward Bound House Family Place, OPCC SAMOSHEL, and First Presbyterian Church Hollywood Winter Refuge Shelter.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In order to address the large numbers of homeless individuals and families and the corresponding critical shortage of beds in Los Angeles County, on June 20, 2005, the Board of Supervisors approved an allocation of \$20,000,000 for the construction and/or renovation of year-round emergency shelters and enhancements to the homeless support system.

On November 22, 2005, the Board of Supervisors directed the Commission to administer the funding and oversee all of the projects. The Board also instituted a method by which each Board Office selects recipients of the funds based on agency experience and the need for homeless services in the community, among other considerations.

The proposed actions will authorize \$165,800 in CGF to be transferred to LAHSA, pursuant to an Interagency Agreement between the Commission and LAHSA. LAHSA will then enter into contracts with Upward Bound House, OPCC and First Presbyterian Church to utilize these funds.

A complete description of the Upward Bound House, OPCC and First Presbyterian Church programs is provided as Attachment A.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Funding for services and operations costs at the Upward Bound House, OPCC and First Presbyterian Church facilities is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 because it does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will allow for continued emergency shelter and services to be provided for homeless individuals and families in Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Rogan", followed by a horizontal line.

SEAN ROGAN

Executive Director

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Enclosures

ATTACHMENT A

UPWARD BOUND HOUSE FAMILY PLACE

Upward Bound House proposes to respond to the increased community need by rapidly moving families out of its Family Place program using short-medium rental subsidies to stabilize them in permanent housing. The goal of the proposed Rapid Rehousing program is to help homeless families to obtain and sustain permanent housing, utilizing three primary strategies: 1) increase family income through employment and training services; 2) address housing barriers resulting from poor or spotty rental and credit histories through assertive outreach to and relationship building with property owners; and (3) promote housing stability and self-sufficiency through 12 months of in-home, life skills education. The depth and length of monthly rental assistance will be determined based upon several key factors, including the current or projected gap between family income and housing costs (monthly rent), and the anticipated amount of time it will take the family to increase its income through employment and/or other means in order to resume or assume full responsibility for housing costs. The sustainability plan may include an option for the family to pay a portion of the rent after several months of receiving assistance. The family portion may be increased over time as household income increases, such that financial assistance will be tapered off in a gradual manner until families are able to assume 100% of rent responsibility. It is anticipated that the families will receive subsidies for approximately 4-6 months given the demographics and economic situation of the families they serve.

Requested funds will be used for short-medium term rental assistance which includes security and utility deposits, rental subsidies and case work.

OPCC SAMOSHEL

SAMOSHEL is a 70 bed residential facility and part of OPCC's Interim Housing and Wellness Program (IHW) that serves the complex needs of an increasingly disabled homeless population. Residents are chronically homeless, with over 90 percent having severe and persistent mental illness, while most have co-occurring physical health problems/disabilities and substance addiction. Using a Housing First and Harm Reduction model, SAMOSHEL welcomes into its programs the area's hardest-to-treat, chronically homeless men and women and also offers a range of programming for clients who do not have substance abuse problems.

IHW has evolved into a comprehensive integrated program designed to address the needs of individuals with complex and severe medical, mental health, and substance abuse needs, including:

- Wellness Care services: onsite mental health care, medical/nursing care, intensive substance abuse intervention, and support groups
- Housing Services: housing search and acquisition, moving assistance, and retention support
- Case Management and Income services: identifying benefit eligibility, assistance applying for benefits, and stipend programs

Requested funds will be used for general operating support for SAMOSHEL, part of OPCC's Interim Housing and Wellness Program.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOLLYWOOD HOLLYWOOD WINTER REFUGE SHELTER

The highly successful Hollywood Winter Refuge Shelter started in 2012 as a pilot project to reach the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness. Many guests who had previously refused services or had been very difficult to engage have stayed and evolved significantly in the progress toward housing. Organizations such as Step Up, Housing Works, PATH, Gettlove and My Friend's Place submit clients and take on new clients from the shelter. This project has also galvanized hundreds of volunteers to provide food and friendship. Their mission is to engage the unreached and ailing friends in their neighborhoods who cannot help themselves.

Requested funds will be used for program staffing, equipment, and facility costs.